

PUBLIC HEARING

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE CONTAINER SYSTEM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
NAVAL SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
AT FORT HALL, IDAHO
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AFTERNOON SESSION

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1 wish to speak have an opportunity to do so. I
2 have a watch with me that I will be using to
3 monitor the time.

4 As you are speaking, if you get up to
5 about four minutes, I will probably let you know
6 that you have one minute left, and then if you
7 would finish up within the next minute or so and
8 we will move on to the next speaker.

9 The procedure for the comment period
10 will be as follows: I will announce each
11 registered speaker, I have a list of your names
12 here. When you are called, please proceed to one
13 of the microphones as we did before and state
14 your name, your address and if you are
15 representing an organization, the name of that
16 organization. Please direct your comments also
17 to me.

18 I request your cooperation and courtesy
19 today while people are speaking and so far that
20 has been good. So we appreciate that.

21 We are pleased today to have as our
22 first speaker, Mr. George Freund.

23 MR. FREUND: My name is George Freund,
24 the address I want you to use is P.O. Box 51232,
25 Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83405.

1 This statement is being submitted on
2 behalf of Coalition 21, a recently formed
3 citizens group supporting tomorrow's technology
4 with facts.

5 The preparation of this Draft
6 Environmental Impact Statement indicates that the
7 U.S. Navy takes seriously its commitments under
8 the 1995 Nuclear Waste Agreement with the State
9 of Idaho. It shows that the agreement is
10 working.

11 Overturning this agreement in favor of
12 putting Idaho at the total mercy of political and
13 bureaucratic action in Washington, D.C., would
14 not achieve the common goal of getting nuclear
15 waste and spent nuclear fuel out of Idaho in a
16 timely manner.

17 Coalition 21 intends to monitor
18 carefully the public meeting process for this
19 DEIS and to make factual constructive comments by
20 the July 18 submittal deadline. Thank you.

21 LIEUTENANT SULLIVAN: Thank you,
22 Mr. Freund.

23 Are there any questions from the
24 panel?

25 Thank you, Mr. Freund.

Commenter: George Freund, Coalition 21, Idaho

Response to Comment:

- A. The Navy appreciates support expressed for its efforts. The Navy needs to ensure that naval spent nuclear fuel, after examination, is managed in a fashion which facilitates ultimate safe shipment to a permanent geologic repository or centralized interim storage site outside of the state of Idaho; is protective of the Idaho environment while being temporarily stored at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory; and complies with the court ordered agreement among the State of Idaho, Department of Energy, and the Navy (U.S. District Court, 1995). As the commenter noted, this EIS includes proposed actions by the Navy that would commence placing naval spent nuclear fuel into dry storage on a schedule consistent with that required of the Department of Energy in the Idaho Agreement.